

HA-1148 and HA-1149

c. 1890

SMITH-SAMPSON AND MILLER-MITCHELL DOUBLE HOUSES

Havre de Grace, Md.

These two brick duplexes are part of a row of five nearly identical double houses built in a vernacular Italianate style. Connected stylistically to the brick factory across the street, the dwellings originally housed workers from the factory in the 1890's when the factory manufactured shoes. Each duplex is two stories, four bays wide and four bays deep with a bracketed and modillioned cornice across the front, having decorative panels beneath it.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1148

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Smith-Sampson Double House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

716/718 Fountain St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William W. Smith 716 Fountain St. Telephone #: 939-0691

STREET & NUMBER

W. Edward Sampson 718 Fountain St. 939-2156

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED
 —RUINS
 —UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED
 —ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
 —MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

716/718 Fountain St., is a two story four bay wide rectangular brick double house. Built in a vernacular Italianate style, the walls are laid in common bond and the front elevation is painted ox-blood red. The house duplex was built in c. 1890, the middle one in a row of five identical detached double dwellings of which four are standing today. Originally they housed workers employed in the shoe factory across the street. Each building having a shallow front and side yard and a long back yard, faces north on Fountain Street.

A four bay porch extends across the front elevation. The porch has a low hipped roof with a molded cornice supported by plain square posts on the front and engaged bracketed turned posts on the inside. A scroll bracket remains on the west end post and a railing balustrade divides the porch into two sides.

Windows are arranged unevenly on the front elevation. First and second story windows as well as those on the other elevations contain 2/2 light double hung sash, and although the openings are segmental arches the sash is standard. Radiating brick arches are present in the wall above the windows and the sills are wood. Altered brick work and flat lintels indicate that the windows in the north bay first floor, of the east and west elevation were added.

The main entrances are in the center bays, front elevation. They contain panel doors with glass in the upper half, with a two light transome above them. Other entrances are on the rear.

The houses have a flat roof with an impressive bracketed and modillioned Italianate cornice. The top of the cornice carries a scalloped design while between the cornice and lower cornice band are four long hexagonal panels pierced with Eastlake designs. Brick end chimneys rising from heating fireplaces are inside the front of the east and west walls.

Interior: Each house is one room across with a fireplace having a slate mantle on the outer wall stairs are enclosed on the outer wall of the dining room and the kitchen space is partially provided by the one story shed on the rear.

There are no outbuildings of note.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	C - 1890	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Miller-Mitchell and Smith-Sampson Double Houses, HA-1149 and HA-1148 respectively, are vernacular Italianate style brick duplexes. They are part of a row of five nearly identical dwellings which were constructed c. 1890 as factory housing.

According to the Minutes of the Havre de Grace Council for August, 1889, there was an agreement between John Faust and Son and the mayor and council of Havre de Grace to construct a shoe factory at a cost of \$25,000. which would be exempt from city taxes for fifty years. The factory, having had many uses which have altered its appearance, stands today. Across the street from it are the sturdy brick duplexes which are believed to have been constructed at the same time to provide housing for some of the workers.

The houses are two stories high, four bays wide and four bays deep. They have segmentally arched fenestration, porches across the front and cornices which are bracketed and modillioned and have decorative Eastlake style panels beneath them.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton- Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May, 77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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HA-1148

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Smith-Samson HA-1148
Double House
716/718 Fountain St.

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